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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant request the Examiner to make of record the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form in connection with examination of the above-identified patent application. As provided in §1.97(g), no representation is made or intended that a thorough art search was made. As provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(h), this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission of any kind, and specifically is not an admission that the documents listed on attached form PTO/SB08 are, or are considered to be, material to the patentability of the above-identified patent application, as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b). In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), Applicants are submitting copies of non-patent literature.

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